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Advisory Opinion Update

At its May 20, 2010 meeting, the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board held a hearing regarding the reconsideration of Advisory Opinion No. 2010-1, which concerned a former DPH employee and a DPH Advisory Committee.

At an upcoming meeting, the Board will vote to either affirm or overturn the opinion. Read the summary or full text of the opinion on the OSE's website.

Remember that the website contains all <u>Advisory Opinions and Declaratory Rulings</u> indexed by year, topic, and summary. Please browse the site to see what prior opinions might be applicable to any question or situation you or your colleagues may face.

In-person Training Update

The OSE continues to offer to state agencies in-person training on the Code of Ethics. This training is provided free of charge. Meredith Trimble will be temporarily out on maternity leave beginning in early June. **Please use the <u>Training Request Form</u> to request training** – it will automatically be e-mailed to the appropriate recipient so your training needs can be met without delay.

SFI Designee List Reminder

Don't wait until next spring to get your SFI agency designee lists in order. The OSE's <u>online system</u> is set up to make your life easier by allowing you to make changes as they occur. For example, if someone retires this spring or summer, you may go into the system immediately and change that person's status. Come next spring, that person will not be listed erroneously, nor will anyone have to track down departure dates, etc. Please take advantage use of this tool to make your job easier!

Make Ethics Visible - New Poster!

The OSE is pleased to provide you with the fourth in a series of ethics posters (<u>attached</u>) for your use in your agency. Feel free to post or distribute as you like, and look forward to more to come!